

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 7, 2015**



The meeting of December 7, 2015 was held at 10:00 a.m. at the Los Angeles County Arts Commission, 1055 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 800, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

Present: Pamela Bright-Moon
Betty Haagen
Eric Hanks
Helen Hernandez
Constance Jolcuvar
Bettina Korek
Claudia Margolis
Kathryn McDonnell
Alis Clausen Odenthal
Claire Peeps
Norma Provencio Pichardo
Hope Warschaw

Absent: Rosalind Wyman (excused)
Peter Lesnik (excused)

Staff Present: Laura Zucker, Executive Director
Miriam Gonzalez, Executive Assistant
Denise Grande, Director of Arts Education
Leticia Buckley, Director of Communications
Kim Glann, Productions Marketing Manager
Anji Gaspar-Milanovic, Director of Grants and Professional Development
Dorothy MacKendrick, Grants and Professional Development Associate
Margaret Bruning, Director of Civic Art

President Peeps called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Absentee Excuses

Roll was taken and on a motion by Commissioner Clausen Odenthal, seconded by Commissioner Hanks, the excused absences for the meeting of December 7, 2015 were unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion made by Commissioner Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Hanks, the minutes for the meeting of November 9, 2015 were unanimously approved.

Correspondence

Commissioner Bright-Moon circulated a thank you letter to the Board of Supervisors from *Masters of Harmony* for the Arts Commission grant received for FY 2015-16.

Presidents Items

President Peeps welcomed David Valdez, the newest Commissioner appointed to the Arts Commission by Supervisor Solis on November 24, 2015.

Anji Gaspar-Milanovic, Director of Grants and Professional Development, gave an overview of the memo outlining site visits and presenter options for the January through March meetings.

Commissioners reviewed the list and requested site visits to the Armory Center for the Arts, Ebony Repertory Theatre, and El Segundo Museum of Art, with presentations by LA Stage Alliance, Get Lit Words Ignite and Inner City Youth Orchestra.

President Peeps updated the Commissioners on the Board of Supervisors' diversity initiative motion.

President Peeps congratulated the staff on the *Arts for All* luncheon held on December 4, 2015 at the Skirball Cultural Center.

Executive Director

Laura Zucker, Executive Director, gave an update on the 56th Annual Holiday Celebration at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. The live show is on December 24, 2015 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. Invitations will be emailed to the Commissioners.

Mrs. Zucker reported that staff is preparing budget priorities for FY16-17.

Arts for All, Arts Education Report

Denise Grande, Director of Arts Education, presented the annual report on *Arts for All* gave an overview the key initiatives for 2015-16 and reviewed the list of participating school districts since 2002-2015 ([attached](#)).

Nominating Committee Report

Commissioner Bright-Moon, Chair of the Nominating Committee, reported the committee met prior to the Commission meeting and unanimously nominated Commissioner Hernandez to the Executive Committee.

Communications Committee Report

Commissioner Jolcuvar, Chair of the Communications Committee, reported the committee met to review the status of the lacountyarts.org website redesign and offered suggestions on current communications protocols.

Ford Theatres Reopening Communications Plan

Leticia Buckley, Director of Communications, gave an overview of the branding effort and marketing strategy, with support from M&C Saachi, for the Ford reopening in 2016. The Ford membership opportunities brochures were distributed.

[Commissioners Haagen and MacDonnell left the room.]

Civic Art Committee Report

Commissioner Bright-Moon, Chair of the Civic Art Committee, reported the committee met prior to the Commission meeting to consider the donation of artworks to the county's public art collection.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Warschaw, seconded by Commissioner Hanks, to approve David Bohnett's donation to the LAC+USC Medical Center of The Boroda Wall sculpture by artist Brad Howe and approve Lynn Hylan's donation to the Public Library Department of eight statutes and vessels by Metlox ([attached](#)). The motion carried unanimously.

Community Impact Arts Grant (CIAG)

Anji Gaspar Milanovic, Director of Grants and Professional Development, gave an overview of the CIAG disqualifications and Dorothy Mackendrick, Grants and Professional Development Associate, answered questions by Commissioners.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Clausen Odenthal, seconded by Commissioner Hanks, to approve the disqualifications as presented ([attached](#)). The motion carried. Ayes: Commissioners Clausen Odenthal, Hanks, Bright-Moon, Hernandez, Jolcuvar, Korek, Margolis, Peeps, Pichardo, and Warschaw. Abstain: Commissioner Valdez.

Civic Art Procedures Revisions

This item was continued to January 11, 2015.

Civic Art Report

Margaret Bruning, Director of Civic Art, presented the FY14-15 Civic Art Program Annual Report ([attached](#)). Ms. Bruning shared highlights of projects in each district, examples of interdepartmental collaborations, ongoing maintenance on existing projects, collections management protocols and future projects for the program.

Commissioner Items

None.

Public Comment

None.

The Arts Commission meeting of December 7, 2015 was adjourned at 12:00 p.m. on motion by Commissioner Clausen Odenthal, seconded by Commissioner Jolcuvar, and unanimously approved.